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FIVE HURT IN RIOTING NEAR AID STATION

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Relief Agencies Broke, Approach Crisis

With charities going broke along with the city and county, throwing thousands of people out of homes and depriving them of food, and with indifferent policemen, reluctant to arrest citizens begging not to be allowed to starve, knowing that they are on the verge of starvation themselves, not having been paid recently, Chicago is facing a situation believed to be more acute than the one that precipitated the fatal riot on Aug. 3 last year.

Real estate men who have been renting houses to persons supported by charity have been notified that funds set aside for rents have been exhausted. Wholesale evictions are expected to be the result. It is reported that the relief groups have been given until February to find some way to continue paying the rent of thousands of poor people. Unless this is done, landlords declare they will demand their property.

Three Policemen injured

Aid from the legislature and from private citizens in the form of donations is being sought by the relief commissions.

Police battled more than 300 men and women who threatened to storm the office of the governor's relief commission in the Abraham Lincoln center about 3 p. m. Monday. Three policemen were injured and a number of civilians were beaten and bruised. Only two accident reports were made of injured citizens.

The disturbance Monday was merely a starter, according to the belief of an observer who mingled in the crowd that surged about the center, located at Oakwood Blvd. and Langley Ave.

Thirty-one Arrested

The policemen hurt were John Breen, 47 years old; Carmen Zarling, 34, and William J. Kane, 37, all of the Fifth district. The civilians reported injured are Edith Miller (white), 18 years old, 1736 W. 12th St., and Lizzie Wilson, 42 years old, 3708 Wabash Ave. Neither of them was seriously hurt. Breen and Zarling were taken to hospitals, while Kane was treated by a neighborhood physician.

Twelve persons were arrested, and the police had to fire several shots into the air before the crowd at the center finally dispersed and order was restored.

Following the closing of the relief station at 2:30, a delegation of men and women, members of the Unemployed council, went inside and placed the demands of its group before the superintendent. The demands, as outlined to a Chicago Defender reporter by Herbert Newton, a member of the group, are as follows:

Unemployment insurance of not less than $15 a week and $3 additional for each dependent; $150 cash relief for the winter; no racial discrimination in the distribution of relief; the ousting of Capt. John P. Stege and Lieut. George Barker from the South side. In addition to the foregoing the group now demands the release of the 12 persons arrested at the scene of the disturbance at the center and of 19 others arrested later the same day.

After the demonstration at the relief station had been quelled, the mob, composed of members of the I. L. D., the League of Struggle for Negroes' Rights and the Unemployment council, returned to one of the headquarters of communist advocates at 4000 Federal St. Police swooped down upon them there about 5 p. m. and arrested 19. Newton declared the officers forced the occupants of the meeting hall to stand with their faces to the wall and their hands in the air. Using clubs, the police slugged and beat some of the men until they were bloody, Newton said. The police denied the accusation.

Referred to as leaders of the group and responsible for the disturbance Monday are Ethel Morris, Lillie Wilson, Mamie Spencer, Irene Harris, 17-year-old white girl, who, Lieutenant Barker said, was arrested four years ago for red agitation; Marion Watkins, Arthur Madden, Ernest Becker, Mike Press and Earl Tony.

Arthur Thomas, who was arrested three months ago when police broke up a demonstration parade of school children under red sponsorship just as the marchers were about to leave 4000 Federal St. and was fined $200 and costs, was speaking when the officers entered the Federal St. headquarters Monday.

Precautionary measures are being taken to avert the recurrence of the tragedy of last August, when three citizens were killed and several persons, including policemen, were injured.

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Associated

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RACE RIOT IN SOUTH END

Guardian

STARTS OVER INSULTS TO COLORED WOMEN — BEATEN BY GANGSTERS; 2 BENDERS GIRLS THE VICTIMS—DEAD LINE ESTABLISHED BY POLICE WHO FAIL TO ARREST BRUTES

5-4-32

A series of disturbances that reached the proportions of a race riot swept through the lower Roxbury and upper South End Districts of the city late Wednesday and resulted in the calling out of police reserves, the arrest of three, and injuries to at least a dozen men and women, two of them being removed to the City Hospital.

Herald

Insult Started It

Persons unaware of the trouble and passing through the district were attacked and knocked down until every available officer from the South End and Roxbury divisions was called out to patrol the district at midnight. Police blame the start of the trouble upon an alleged insult by the gansters to the two Colored women.

At midnight those treated at the City Hospital as a result of the trouble were Mrs. Marjorie Trent, 22, of 38 Haskins street, Roxbury (Colored), and James Riley, 29, of 166 Chestnut street, Brookline.

Mrs. Trent was reported suffering from internal injuries received during the battle which, police say, occurred between Mrs. Trent, her sister, and the man.

Also treated at the hospital was Maurice Ryan of 2530 Washington street, Roxbury, who suffered cuts of the face and legs. He claimed several Colored persons set upon him without provocation at the corner of Cabot and Tremont streets.

Dead Line

Riley was badly beaten up while passing through the district, he told police at the City Hospital. He suffered a broken nose, both his eyes were blackened, his teeth were knocked out, and he is believed to have suffered internal injuries.

Arrested in connection with the trouble were Irving Gomes, Colored, of 34 Braddock park, South End, and Joacim Burgo, Colored, of 74 Chelsea street, East Boston.

Guardian

At midnight, Captain John Mullins of the Roxbury Crossing police station and members of divisions 5 and 10, South End and Roxbury, were on duty in the district, keeping everyone off the streets and with orders to place under arrest anyone passing into the area who does not live there.

Three disturbances preceded the major trouble that swept the district shortly after 9 o'clock. The man involved in the starting of the trouble, according to police, was Guy Perelli, alias Kid Morgan, who was attacked following a fight that started in front of 772-772A Tremont street, Roxbury, late in the afternoon.

At that time a big crowd was dispersed through the cool-headed work of a police sergeant who ordered the alleged gang leader from the district.

The disturbances began in the afternoon when Mrs. Marjorie Trent, 22, of 38 Haskins street, Roxbury, and her sister, Miss Christine Benders, 20, of the same address, claimed they were insulted as they passed in front of Perelli's shop. When they resented the insults, Mrs. Trent said, she was slapped in the face and kicked.

Big Crowd

Within five minutes after they had gone to their neighborhood and reported what had happened, 50 men returned shouting angrily. As they were joined by many others a call was sent to the East Dedham street station, and Sergeant Henry Bailey with a squad of officers were sent to the scene.

The officers induced the crowd to leave, and Mrs. Trent was taken to City Hospital.

Half an hour later a crowd of 500 took places in front of a shop where Perelli and four of his companions were. Some of the bolder spirits attempted to enter and they claim they were confronted by guns. Their yells and screams caused another riot alarm to the station house and Sergeant Bailey returned.

Rush at Hospital

A number of fist fights broke out and Fred Gedreaux of 476 Massachusetts avenue told police he was knocked to the sidewalk by a punch.

The third outbreak came when William E. Benders, 33, of 15 Greenwood street, Roxbury, with a crowd of 50 men appeared at the City Hospital grounds demanding permission to see his sister, Mrs. Trent. Doctors explained she had just come from the operating table and could not be seen.

Benders and the men with him, police say, refused to leave the grounds and made their way to the court outside the eccident ward. Police were again called and Benders was placed under arrest upon the arrival of the patrol wagon and later charged with the assault upon Gedreaux.

Midnight

Although the police believed the trouble had ended following the arrest of Bender and the dispersing of a throng on Tremont street near Camden street, the disturbance was renewed again shortly after 9 o'clock when some white men entered the district and began to assault Colored men.

Within a few minutes a throng of several hundred Colored men and youths swarmed into the district between Camdem street and Roxbury Crossing and began to order all whites off Tremont street. Those who protested, the police allege, were assaulted.

At midnight policemen were on duty at every corner in the district but scores of fights were being reported to the Roxbury Crossing and East Dedham street stations by residents of the side streets running off Tremont street.

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Has Knife Used in Hamburg Riot

To the Editor of The State:

G. S. Baggott of Monetta has in his possession a knife nine inches long, the legend of which is that it played a part in the Hamburg riot of 1876, with which the older citizens of Edgefield are familiar. The man who had the knife was Gus White, who slashed the Negroes as they passed the bridge when that mob was driven from the brick house they occupied in defiance of white man's rights after the rule of carpetbag government during Reconstruction. If there is a relic room at Edgefield this knife should be preserved there in memory of the deeds of valor rendered South Carolina in those days to restore "white man's government," the slogan of that campaign which, led by Gen. M. T. Gary and other leaders, resulted in the restoration of our rights. The knife has "R. S." marked on it.

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Batesburg.